

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang-R, on April 25, 2023 at 3:08 PM, in 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Susan Webber, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Wendy McKamey (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)

Staff Present: Grace Gibney, Secretary
Trevor Graff, Research Analyst
Heather Vande-Sandt, Attorney

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 821 04/13/2023

HB 880 04/13/2023

Executive Action:

HB 880

HB 821

HEARING ON HB 821 - Appropriate money to dept. of ag for weed control

Opening Statement:

15:09:39 Rep. Marty Malone (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 821, Appropriate money to dept. of ag for weed control.

Proponent Testimony:

15:10:46 Dan Rostad, Yellowstone Conservation District Counsel (YCDC)

15:14:00 Kelsey Miller, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)

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15:17:03 Ray Beck, Yellowstone Conservation District Counsel (YCDC)

15:18:07 Clayton Elliot, Montana Trout Unlimited

15:19:06 Peter Dudley, Montana Audubon Society

15:20:14 Joe Lockwood, Yellowstone County Weed District

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:22:30 Vice Chair Susan Webber

15:23:04 Rep. Marty Malone-R

15:24:01 Dan Rostad, YCDC

15:24:46 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:25:09 Joe Lockwood, Yellowstone County Weed District

15:25:59 Chair Mike Lang
15:26:31 Kelsey Miller, MWCA
15:31:38 Dan Rostad, YCDC

Closing Statement:

15:33:57 Rep. Marty Malone (R), HD 59, closed the hearing on HB 821.

HEARING ON HB 880 - Make the huckleberry the official state fruit of Montana

Opening Statement:

15:34:58 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 880, Make the huckleberry the official state fruit of Montana.

Proponent Testimony:

15:36:18 Gregory Smith, self
15:37:27 Preston Belcourt, self
15:38:23 Gracie Bales, self
15:39:57 Karyssa Goble, self
15:41:03 Isaac Bush, self
15:42:05 Makenzi South, self
15:43:19 Annabelle Dvorak, self
15:44:06 Jacquelynne Firestone, self
15:44:56 Sophia Lakey, self
15:45:41 Izak Madplume, self
15:47:01 Amadaus Christianson, self
15:48:22 Mackenzie Mcallister, self
15:49:18 Aleah Mckenna, self
15:50:28 Emma Bowman, self

15:51:10 Anaiah Souza, self

15:52:07 Amy Brooks, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:54:04 Representative Steven Galloway, self

Questions from Committee:

15:54:34 Vice Chair Susan Webber

15:54:55 Isaac Bush, self

15:55:13 Sen. Dennis Lenz

15:56:17 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R

Closing Statement:

15:57:25 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, closed the hearing on HB 880.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 880 - Make the huckleberry the official state fruit of Montana

16:02:06 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie moved that **HB 880 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:02:16 Vice Chair Susan Webber

16:02:58 Sen. Dennis Lenz

16:03:40 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

16:04:23 Sen. Dan Bartel

16:04:44 Sen. Daniel Salomon

16:05:06 Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie

16:02:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

16:02:06 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Shane Morigeau

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 821 - Appropriate money to dept. of ag for weed control

16:08:32 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie moved that **HB 821 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:08:41 Sen. Daniel Salomon

16:08:58 Vice Chair Susan Webber

16:11:41 Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie

16:12:04 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

16:13:35 Chair Mike Lang

16:13:58 Sen. Dan Bartel

16:08:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 5 by roll call vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Lang, Sen. Lenz, Sen. Salomon, Sen. Welborn, voting no.

16:08:32 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Bruce Gillespie

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:16:55

Grace Gibney, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230425AGSaad\)](#)